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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Jiro HITOMI, et. al.  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)  
dated January 12, 2006.